

## **Biographies of presenters for the 2006 workshop, Silvicultural Practices Supporting Northern Spotted Owl Habitat in Dry Forest Ecosystems**

**Ray Davis** is the Planning Team Wildlife Biologist from the Umpqua National Forest, and also currently detailed into the Forest Wildlife Biologist position. Ray started working for the Forest Service in 1989 on the Siuslaw National Forest, where one of his first jobs was surveying for spotted owls. In 1991, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Management from New Mexico State University. From 1992 to 1995, he was the District Wildlife Biologist for the Waldport Ranger District on the Oregon Coast. In 1995 he transferred to the western Cascades for a District Wildlife Biologist position on the North Umpqua Ranger District. Ray has been actively engaged with spotted owl conservation and forest management for the past 16 years. Most recently he helped develop range-wide spotted owl habitat maps for the Northwest Forest Plan Monitoring Program.

**Laura Finley** received her B.S. in Wildlife Ecology and B.S. in Resource Economics from the University of Arizona. She worked on salmon issues with the Service on the Columbia River. In 1990 she was a northern spotted owl crew coordinator and District Biologist for the Barlow Ranger District of the Mt. Hood National Forest. In 1991 she went to Medford BLM as a resource area biologist. While there she conducted owl surveys and banding, prepared NEPA documents, watershed analysis lots of NW Forest Plan involvement. Laura has been with the Service's Yreka Fish and Wildlife Office since 1998. She serves on a Level 1 section 7 consultation team with the Klamath National Forest. Laura also serves as the private lands owl consultation biologist and California fisher conservation coordinator.

**Coreen Francis** has been with Medford District BLM for the past eight years. She started her career in the Sierran mixed conifer and eastside pine types in Northern California. She attended Colorado State University for her bachelors in Forest Science, which allowed her to be exposed to the dry forests of the front range as well. Shortly after coming to the Medford BLM, she was given the opportunity to complete Masters of Forestry at OSU. In her graduate work, she wrote a silvicultural prescription for a mixed conifer area of the Cascade Siskiyou National Monument, which integrated fire and owl objectives. It wasn't until 3 years ago that she was able to put a lot of these principles into action as a prescription writer with the Grants Pass Resource Area. In this capacity she writes prescriptions and environmental assessments for timber, fuels and wildlife but only with help from her fellow specialists. Her talk today, "Stand responses to vegetative treatments: long term owl habitat development and fire risk" will just scratch the surface of these concepts, but will hopefully give you some thoughts about how dry forests might respond with or without treatment.

**Nancy Gilbert** works for the Fish and Wildlife Service in Bend, OR. She is the Field Supervisor of the Bend Field Office, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office.

**Larry Irwin** is a Principal Scientist for the National Council for Air & Stream Improvement, Inc. (NCASI), a non-profit forestry research and environmental management organization head-quartered in North Carolina. Dr. Irwin holds faculty-affiliate appointments at Oregon State University and the University of Montana. He manages NCASI's Western Wildlife Program, which investigates relations between forestry practices and wildlife in the Pacific Northwest and adjacent states. After acquiring his PhD from the University of Idaho, Dr. Irwin conducted research and taught undergraduate and graduate courses in wildlife-habitat relations at the University of Wyoming. He has authored or co-authored over 120 scientific publications, ranging from vegetation succession and fire ecology to large mammals and birds, including spotted owls.

**Cal Joyner** is the Director of Natural Resources for the Pacific Northwest Region (Region 6) of the U.S.D.A. Forest Service. He is located in Portland, OR.

**Thomas S. Sensenig** worked as an ecologist for the Bureau of Land Management and, since 2004 has been the Southwest Oregon Area Ecologist with the U.S. Forest Service. He has worked in the Klamath Province for over 25 years studying old-growth forest ecosystems, fire and habitat relationships, and historic stand development. Tom has a Bachelors degree in Forest Science from West Virginia University, a Masters degree in forest entomology and pathology from University of Washington, and a Ph.D. in Forest Ecology from Oregon State University.

In 2004 at the annual conference of the Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society in Bend Oregon, Tom won our Society's Dimick Award for the best overall presentation. He presented a paper on wildlife habitat development relative to fire frequency in old-growth forests.

**Carl Skinner** is a research Geographer and Science Team Leader with the US Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station in Redding, California. His research with PSW focuses on understanding how fire, climate, and management activities interact to influence forest vegetation dynamics. Before joining PSW, Carl worked on several National Forests in fire and wildlife management where he was in charge of large prescribed fire and fuels management programs. His last position was as the Fuels Management Officer for the Mt. Shasta Ranger District, Shasta-Trinity National Forests in northern California. After joining PSW, he served on the Sierra Nevada Ecosystem Project as a consultant on fire and fuels management. Currently, in addition to studying fire/climate relationships, he is a site coordinator and member of the executive committee for the National Fire & Fire Surrogates study. This study is designed to assess the ecological, social, and economic effects of using contrasting silvicultural treatments to achieve fire hazard reduction.

**Jim Thrailkill** currently serves as the northern spotted owl specialists for the Oregon State Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, OR. Jim has almost two-decades of experience working with spotted owls in various research, management and regulatory capacities.

**Craig Tuss** works for the Fish and Wildlife Service in Roseburg, OR. He is the Field Supervisor of the Roseburg Field Office, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office.

**Brian Woodbridge** received a Bachelor's degree in wildlife management from Humboldt State University 1985 and a Masters in wildlife ecology from Oregon State University in 1992. Began working with northern spotted owls while at Humboldt State University, surveying for and radio-tracking spotted owls in 1983.

Brian served as a wildlife biologist with Klamath National Forest 1985-2003, specializing in raptor management and research, and tropical conservation. Conducted demographic and habitat relationships studies of spotted owls, northern goshawks and Swainson's hawks for roughly 20 years. Since 1993, Brian has worked on migratory bird and endangered species issues with USFS International Forestry program in southern Mexico and Argentina.

Since 2003, Brian supervises the Forest Resources/Ecological Services branch of the Service's Yreka Fish and Wildlife Office. Brian has supervised and participated in several cooperative fuels reduction and forest restoration projects involving spotted owl habitat, as well as ongoing research of habitat relationships of spotted owls, fisher, northern goshawk, Plethodontid salamanders, and other late-successional forest-associated species.